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COVID-19 Updates

[Medford, Oregon] — Jackson County Public Health and the hospital systems continue to inform the community that their help is needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 and provide relief to the hospital and public health systems. The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to **get vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks**. Masks, face coverings, or face shields are required in public indoor and outdoor spaces in Oregon. Read the full Oregon Administrative Rule **here**.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in the United States prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, and are effective against the Delta variant. High vaccination coverage will reduce the spread of the virus in Jackson County and elsewhere, protect our healthcare and public health infrastructure, and help prevent new variants from emerging.

Where to get vaccinated in Jackson County:
https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19/Vaccine-Appointments/where-to-get-vaccinated-in-jackson-county. Call 211 information for vaccination sites or visit the Oregon Health Authority Vaccine Finder site https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine.

Where to get a COVID-19 test in Jackson County:
https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/General/News-Information/covid-19-testing-information. Call 211 information or access the Oregon Health Authority Test Finder site:
https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing

Daily Number of New COVID-19 Cases
As of 12:01 a.m. on August 31, 2021, Jackson County Public Health is reporting 115 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases in Jackson County to 18,336.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations for Region 5 (Jackson and Josephine Counties)
As of 8:30 a.m. on August 31, 2021, the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is 210, and there are 60 patients with COVID-19 in the intensive care unit.

The total number of patients in hospital beds may fluctuate between report times. The numbers do not reflect admissions per day nor the length of hospital stay. Staffing limitations are not captured in this data and may further limit bed capacity.

COVID-19 Related Deaths

Jackson County Public Health reports 4 new COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total to 206 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Jackson County's 203rd COVID-19 death is a 69-year-old man who tested positive on August 5 and died on August 29 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 204th COVID-19 death is a 79-year-old man who tested positive on August 10 and died on August 29 at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 205th COVID-19 death is a 78-year-old woman who tested positive on August 15 and died on August 27 at Rogue Regional Medical Center. They had underlying health conditions.

Jackson County's 206th COVID-19 death is a 62-year-old woman who tested positive on August 20 and died on August 27 at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. They had underlying health conditions.

For more information:

- The public can call 211-information with general questions
- OHA Emerging Respiratory Disease page: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus
- CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- OHA COVID-19 Vaccine: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-vaccine
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html
- Jackson County HHS Vaccine: https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19/COVID-19-News/covid-19-vaccine
- CDC Travel within the U.S.: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html
- Jackson County Health and Human Services: http://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/COVID-19
- Oregon COVID-19 Testing Location Finder: https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing

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